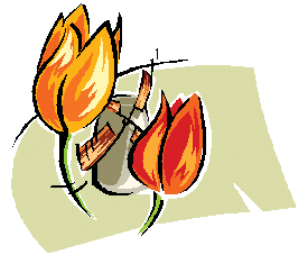




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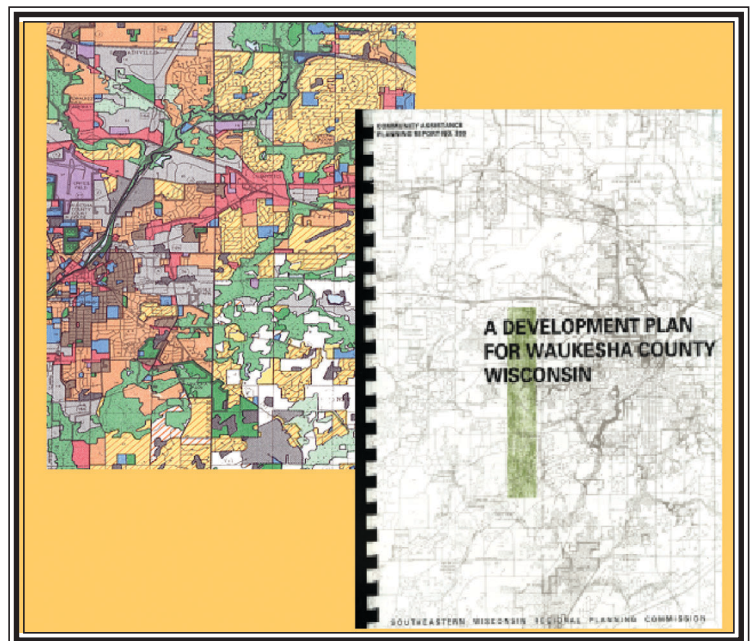
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Cooperative Land Use Planning In Waukesha County

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A new comprehensive development planning initiative was enacted by the Wisconsin Legislature in 1999. The new requirements, frequently referred to as "Smart Growth", provide a framework for the development, adoption, and implementation of public comprehensive development plans in Wisconsin. The "Smart Growth" law requires that comprehensive plans be completed and adopted by local governing bodies, prior to January 1, 2010.

The Waukesha County Development Plan was adopted by the County Board in 1997. The County Development Plan was a culmination of a nearly 4 year planning process involving extensive inventories and analyses of factors and conditions affecting the physical development of the County. These included inventories and analyses of the demography, economy, housing, natural resources, park and open spaces, land uses, transportation and public utilities, and existing community plans and regulations. Before and since 1997, many of the communities in Waukesha County have undertaken the preparation or updating of development plans, using similar approaches to that used in the preparation of the Waukesha County Development Plan. The Waukesha County Development Plan and the individual community development plans used historic demographic, economic and growth information, including data from the 1990 Census.



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The "Smart Growth" law, the availability of year 2000 Census data, new municipal boundary agreements, the preparation of a Regional Year 2030/40 Development Plan, and the on-going need to update development plans provide a unique opportunity for the preparation of a coordinated comprehensive development plan for Waukesha County.

The Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) and Waukesha County have pursued signing Cooperative Agreements with each of the 37 municipalities in the County. The Cooperative Agreements are a formal expression of willingness to participate in a coordinated, comprehensive planning effort, one that includes identified roles and responsibilities in the plan-

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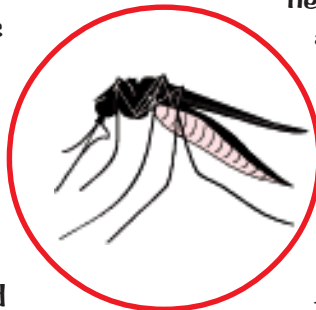
ning effort. Specifically the roles have been developed to designate those planning elements that are of regional or countywide importance and those specific to an individual municipality.

The coordinated comprehensive planning initiative will begin in the spring of 2003. Future issues of the Resource Report will contain progress reports of the planning effort. In addition, status reports will be posted on the Department's web site at www.waukeshacounty.gov/landandparks.

City of Waukesha Receives West Nile Virus Grant

by Steve Korthof, Environmental Health Supervisor

The City of Waukesha, based upon its population as an urban area with more than 60,000 people, has been chosen by the state Division of Public Health, to be the recipient of a Centers for Disease Control (CDC) grant for \$9,761. The grant will be in effect through June 30, 2003, and will be administered by the Department of Parks and Land Use Division of Environmental Health. The grant will be used for mosquito assessment and control services as well as public education to reduce human exposure to mosquito-borne viruses such as West Nile Virus (WNV). Jill Posanski, Humane Animal Specialist, will be the lead person for our WNV educational initiative.



West Nile virus (WNV) was first discovered in a woman from the West Nile District of Uganda in 1937. WNV spread across areas of Africa, Eastern Europe, West Asia, and the Middle East, eventually appearing in the Eastern United States in 1999.

WNV is transmitted through a bite by an infected mosquito and can result in encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain, in infected people and horses. The virus is NOT transmitted from person to person. It is NOT transmitted from birds or other infected animals to people.

As of the writing of this article, the following municipalities have signed on to the cooperative planning process:

Towns	Villages	Cities
Brookfield	Big Bend	Brookfield
Delafield	Butler	Waukesha
Genesee	Chenequa	
Lisbon	Dousman	
Merton	Elm Grove	
Mukwonago	Hartland	
Oconomowoc	Lac La Belle	
Ottawa	Menomonee Falls	
Summit	Nashotah	
Vernon	Oconomowoc Lake	
Waukesha		

Many people bitten by an infected mosquito will not contract the disease at all. Of those that do become infected, the vast majority will have no symptoms or will experience only a mild illness that may include headache, muscle aches, rash, swollen lymph nodes and fever. In severe cases, symptoms can include confusion, disorientation, seizures, brain swelling and severe muscle weakness or paralysis. Onset of symptoms is usually between 5-15 days after being bitten by an infected mosquito. Any person with symptoms should see a doctor immediately. People who get WNV, even those who are infected but have no symptoms, are probably immune from any future WNV infection.

Because less than 1% of mosquitoes carry the virus, and since less than 1% of persons infected with WNV develop severe illness, the chances of developing severe illness from any one mosquito bite are very, very small.

West Nile Virus Transmission Cycle

